

Our Next AFF Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>

November 23

**Zoom MEETING** 

6:00 PM to ??

# The Dead Drift - November 2021

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### **President's Line**

By Larry Gibbs

### THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM MEETING IN DECEMBER

We have a very good guest speaker for the November meeting, you really should check it out.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!** The Fly Fishers International Virtual Expo is right around the corner, November 5 & 6 & 7. Sign up and pop in on some of those Zoom classes, some you pay for some are free.

Club Membership. Most clubs have club dues you pay each year in order to belong to that club. If you don't pay the dues you don't belong to the club. With our club we have no club dues, we just require you to belong to Fly Fishers International as a member in good standing. Since we are a Charter Club with the FFI all of our club members have to belong to the FFI. These past two years of no meetings and no get-togethers has been hard on all of us. Unfortunately we have had some club members who have not renewed their membership in the FFI. Everyone, except Life Members, should check your status with the FFI to find out for sure when you are up for renewal. The FFI sends out emails and one snail mail letter informing you when you are due to renew. If anyone has a question about their status, please email me and I will check for you. I sent out cards to those whose membership has expired, I really hope all of them will renew so they can stay in our club. I have high expectations that we will be able to start our in-person meetings in January. Fingers crossed.

Stephen Neal had a great idea and we will start doing it right away. He suggested weekly emails from me to all of you using the BCC system that I use when sending out newsletters. Just quick emails telling you what has been going on that past week within the world of fly fishing. I hope none of you mind me doing that. We are just trying to keep the club going.

On that note, I really wish more members would join us for our Zoom club meetings each month. We have a great guest speaker coming up in November, talking about fishing that really pertains to all of us. If you are unsure how to join, contact me and I will work with you via the phone to get you set for our future meetings.

**THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM MEETING IN DECEMBER.** We are taking December off and as our vice president and programs coordinator Dr. Robert Alston put it:

"I would like to see a big in person meeting in January with maybe a big Super Bowl raffle!"

Now that is something I can do, make it a big raffle. I guarantee everyone will leave the January meeting with at least one prize! We will also have a new Raffle Board with a great selection of choices for the winner to pick.

#### LET US START 2022 OFF WITH A BANG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains." Henry David Thoreau

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry

### Fly Fishing International Fly of the Month November 2007

### YELLOW EAGLE

By Bob Bates



In at least one sense steelhead anglers have an easier life than trout anglers. They use big attractive flies and don't worry about size 18 to 32 insects. Gary Worden from Byron Center near Grand Rapids, Michigan tied this beautiful fish catching pattern at the 2007 FFF Show and Conclave. It sounded like he mainly fishes for steelhead in the Muskegon River which is not too far from his home. A sink tip line on the swing takes it a little below the surface. Usually there is no question about the take. A pattern like this is also attractive to salmon especially Coho. The rod Gary uses is a 9-foot 8-weight. If a person wanted to they could use a spey rod.

This pattern was developed by Jeff "Bear" Andrews and posted on his website in about 2005. It is supposed to be an off-shoot of the Eagle series of Atlantic Salmon patterns. However, it is a lot fuller than the gold tinsel and red floss bodies on Eagle patterns in one reference. A common factor, both had yellow wings.

#### **Materials List:**

Hook: Alec Jackson Spey hook, size 1.5

Thread: Gudebrod 8/0, black

Ribs: Medium French oval tinsel, gold and silver (Gary frequently orders it from Irish Anglers.)

Body: Yellow Angora goat

Collar: Blood marabou with 2-inch long barbs - 2nd Collar: Teal flank feather

Wing: Goose secondary, yellow

Drooping: Jungle cock

#### **Tying steps:**

- 1. Line hook shank with thread and tie on oval tinsel ribs. Leave at least two eye lengths of bare shank behind eye.
- 2. Make about a 6-inch long dubbing loop and slip in little patches of yellow Angora Goat. (Gary uses a Pettejean Dubbing Twister. It lets him open the loop, stuff in the patches and then close it to hold them.) Wrap the dubbing forward as far as the first loop will go.
- 3. Another, shorter, dubbing loop was needed to finish the fly. Wrap the body forward to within two eye widths of the eye.
- 4. Wrap gold tinsel forward first and then the silver behind. 5 wraps is the standard for salmon and steelhead patterns. Before you tie off the tinsel, pull the covering off the thread core, and tease the core out a bit. This will let you tie it in flat, and it will be easier to cut. Trim excess tinsel.
- 5. Blood marabou is tied in by tip after cutting off a few barbs to leave a stubble that will help the thread lock in the feather. Trimming also eliminates wild fibers when the feather is tied in. Strip barbs off the side that will be against the hook as the feather is wound.
- 6. Make one or two wraps for a collar. Moisten fingers a little to pull the barbs back as the feather is wound. The moisture helps control the barbs. Trim excess.
- 7. The teal collar is usually tied in by tip, but this time the longer fibers are on the wrong side so it was tied in by stem. Strip barbs off the side of feather that will be against the hook. Make sure it is in tight and trim excess.
- 8. There were a few stray fibers at the head. Gary held his fingers around the fly and burned off the fibers. Then from a matched pair of yellow dyed goose secondary feathers he cut two 3/8-inch wide strips, one from each. Position the far wing so the tip is a little past the end of the hook. Have the dull side of the strip toward the inside, and take one thread wind to hold it in place. Tie on the near wing in a similar fashion. Secure wings and trim excess.
- 9. Select two long jungle cock feathers. Trim barbs on both feathers to get the proper length. Jungle cock is tied under the head of fly and hook. The drooping is set to point downward a little. (Gary commented that the head was too big because he was using 6/0 thread instead of 8/0) I bet it would still catch steelhead.

Closing Comments: This pattern takes a little longer to tie than many flies, but it is sure worth it when the fish start hitting. Gary said that it usually takes him 20 minutes to tie, but he admitted that he doesn't strive for speed. If you have steelhead or salmon, particularly Coho, in your area you will find that having a few of these will be worth the effort.

### **Back of Beyond**

Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World - "Henry David Thoreau"

### **Dunsmuir/McCloud 2021**

Fall foliage radiates from the sun loving deciduous trees and brushy undergrowth. Each tree and bush a beacon of bright color, in blunt contrast to the looming evergreens. The forest is heavy with the moisture of last night's rain, the slightest brush of an outreaching limb or branch brings down a fall of water droplets. My tin cloth jacket sheds most of the water droplets, but a few find an opening above my collar, an involuntary shiver grips me as they make their way down my back. The freshly regreened grass, like a giant sponge holds copious amounts of water, my tread squishes as I wander a game trail on this morning stroll.



On my walk, I reflect upon our recent trip down to Northern California. Cy and I make an annual trip to fish with friends in the waters of the upper Sacramento River. There were lots of changes on this fishing trip. New adventures and new accommodations. Recent moves in the local real-estate market necessitated a move from Dunsmuir to McCloud, for our new base of operations. No evening riverside visits for us this year, we settled for a much aged and cracked asphalt pad, and a green lawn beneath tall ponderosa pines, as our confab location. Scott Piggott filled in for Kevin. Kevin's, Ohio cousins were visiting and as fate would have it, they picked the same week as our fishing trip for their visit. We teased him and shared fishing stories by text anyway because that's what friends do. While we missed the murmur of flowing water our enjoyment of each other company

was spot on. Bob, Cy, Scott, Jeff and I, initiated Scott P. on his first night, he had to listen to the retelling of thirteen years of Dunsmuir fishing stories told with relish by the perpetrators of said nefarious misdeeds. Roger Miller figured prominently in those stories. Some where up in heaven Roger's middle finger is probably raised in our honor.

I had been reticence about our trip this year, California's fires, draught, and prolonged high temperatures left me feeling ill at ease. One of the prevailing sentiments that I encountered on this trip, was that people in the west are not looking forward to the advent of summers. Instead of a season of travel, warmth, and long afternoons, it is now the season of high temperatures, smoke, threat of fires, evacuations and overcrowding, at one's favorite sites. Thank goodness we arrived in Northern California just as the hot days began to ease, the day we arrived it was 80°F+ but it eased each day as the week progressed, on the morning we left snow was falling on Shasta, that was an event to celebrate. I dropped the truck into auto 4-wheel drive till we passed through the storm on the mountain as we left McCloud.

McCloud is an early California lumber town; the town was operated by the McCloud River Railroad and Lumber Company. Its name comes from the nearby McCloud River. The McCloud River's name evolved, it was initially spelled McLeod, named after Alexander Roderick McLeod, an expedition leader for the Hudson Bay Company's. McLeod led several hunting and trapping explorations into Northern and Central California.

In1829-1830 his party was trapped by heavy snow for several weeks near the Headwaters of the McCloud River and subsequently his name was attached to the river. By 1860 the name morphed to the Americanized spelling of McLeod. It has been put forth that it was spelled McCloud to honor another early pioneer, Ross McCloud; but the most probable winner on the name change, goes to local conventional spelling custom. Either way, the name McLeod/McCloud honors the early Scottish descendants that explored and settled Western Canada and the United States.



The Ponderosa pines we sat under at sunset, are the descendants of the forest that provided the livelihood for this once company mill town. McCloud participated in the settlement of Northern California and the birth of the railroads that laid the ties and steel-rails that crisscross our nation.

Many of the McCloud River Railroad and Lumber Company town buildings, still serve the local economy as stores, eateries, hotels, bed and breakfasts and homes. This small town is just over 1000 souls, living on Mount Shasta's Southeast base.

The cones of Shasta's peaks are the elder sisters of the town, from up above they keep McCloud under their watchful eyes. A forest of Ponderosa, Grey, Knobcone, Sugar, Foxtail and Lodgepole Pine surrounds McCloud.

The town sits in the skirt of pines that cover Mount Shasta's base slope. Shasta and her brethren of volcanoes populate the Cascade Range of Mountains or Cascade Volcanic Arc. The Volcanoes run from lower British Columbia down into Northern California. This seven-hundred-mile mountain range from Mount Lassen in the South to Silverthrone Caldera, in the North, lies along the Cascadia subduction zone. Cascadia is the mother and creator of the Pacific Northwest.

The Cascadia subduction zone lies off the coast of British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and Northern California. This powerful epicenter of change is where the Juan de Fuca Plate slips beneath the North American Plate. This geological feature is the slip zone of geologic change. In 1700 a monumental movement of 8.7 to 9.2 moment magnitude quake re-sculped the Pacific Northwest, added to that earth changing event, was water, flood, wind, flame, volcanic fire, and ice. Sometime in the future she will again reform the landscape of the Pacific Northwest.

With McCloud as our Mountain base, we traveled down Shasta's slopes to fish in the rivers and streams that are fed by the waters of Mount Shasta and the Cascades. Fishing was slow this year for us. We covered the upper Sac. from Volmer to Cantera Loop, one, two, and three fish days with skunks thrown in, was the norm. It was the beginning of fall, and each day was golden even if the fishing was off. Jeff and Bob skewed the bell curve on fish caught when they fished Baum Lake. They each had a fifteen fish day, when they found the hatchery release spot. It made their day and elevated Jeff's mood; from a disgruntled swimming fly fisher in wet waders with no fish, to a happy wet wader fly fisherman with a catch to brag about.

All this honor and glory they steeped themselves in did not help them though. They still forgot the rods on their car roof, after being reminded, not once but twice. As they left the scene of their recent fishing conquest, they were jerked up on a short leash, when they heard the rods hit the road. The way of honor and glory is a rough and rocky trail, just ask Bob and Jeff. Two other gentlemen joined us this week for a day or two as we nymphid for trout in Shasta's waters. Mike Palmer and Mark Baquera dipped their lines in Shasta's and Cascadia water and kept us company as we caught up on each other's lives. It was a pleasure seeing them again.

Cy and I start our fishing trip at Ted Fay's each year, yes that is where we purchase our California Fishing Licenses and last-minute fishing gear purchases, but the main reason we start there is Bob Grace, the owner of Ted Fay's. This stop is a treasured visit, as we discuss Bob's year and ours, catch up on Dunsmuir fishing reports, discuss the trends in fly fishing and the changing business environment. For several years the draught, smoke and fires have pinched Dunsmuir's fishing season and this year the high temperatures pinched even more. Please make sure that a stop at Ted Fay's is on your agenda when fishing the upper Sacramento River.



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Your visit will be better for it. Another person to look up if you are fishing in Northern California, is Brandon Worthington. Bob, and Scott P. were going to fish the upper Klamath with Brandon this year but due to the draught, the water releases were shut down the day Bob and Scott P. were going to fish with him. It was a dream trip on new water and they were sorry to miss it. Hopefully next years dreams will bear sweeter fruit.

My outdoor formative years were spent in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, its Snow-covered peaks towered over my San Joaquin Valley home, I learned my outdoor skills in the Range of Light. In 2011, I moved North to be near my daughter's family, and soon my son's family joined us. We now live in the Cascade Volcanic Arc, beneath Mount Rainer. The Cascades are my new outdoor home, I have driven most of their length from British Columbia to Lassen in Northern California and I have read and studied her geological history. Her games trails have guided my feet and her waters have shared her fish with me. I now know what Ansel Adams felt when he also embraced the Cascades after his love affair with his beloved range of light. The mountains have always called to me. On a recent trip to the Olympic Peninsula, I struck up a conversation with a fellow sojourner, he was a Washington Native. It came up that I had only lived in Washington for the past ten years and that I had been visiting the OP for about 6 of those years. He said native or not that I knew where the heart of Washington is, and he was glad to have met me there.

Cascadia's power shaped, this land, just as she now shapes me, her beauty astonishes me, and I feel so blessed to hike her mountains and fish her waters. Thank you, Mount Shasta, Dunsmuir and now McCloud for your welcoming exposure to the southern tip of the ring of fire. May you be blessed with the kiss of winter rain and snow and may your waters always run to the sea.

In closing, Bob, Jeff, Scott, Cy, Kevin, and Scott P., Thank you for fishing the waters of Mount Shasta and the Cascades with me. Your friendships are treasured.

To my readers, thank you for your continued support, and a reminder, please tread lightly on mother earth she is our home and very much worth protecting.

### Stephen

The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live.



"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

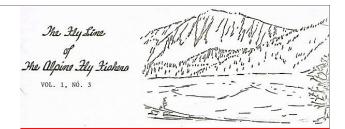
"Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after" - Henry David Thoreau

### ~ In The Past ~

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers
'The Fly Line' Vol. 6, No. 2

February of 1978

Gary Ritchie, Editor



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1978. The information it contains is **43** years out of date and is not accurate.

This is a historical document only.

**Program**: Gil Nygeris will present a talk on our Eastern Washington high quality lakes fishery. He may also say a word or two about his famous "Nygeris nymph".

March Fish-Out: Lake Isabella

A joint outing is planned for Sunday, March 9. South Sound needs a failry accurate estimate of the number of our members to expect, since they (apparently) will supply the food. We will take a count at the meeting.

**Trustees Report**: "Plan B" won hands down again! At the January meeting the club voted not to conduct business at the regular monthly meetings. The operation has to go on, of course, so from now on the Trustees will be meeting regulary to handle the business and we will report the highlights of the emeting in the monthly "Fly Line" and at the meetings.

Here are some highlights of the February 1 meeting:

The strongly worded letter, proposed by Gary Strodtz, about illegal snagging on the Green (Toutle trib) River was sent to the Game Department, Fisheries Department and Regional FFF.

The Game and Fisheries Departments have replied, saying that they are aware of the problem but that other priorities are draining their resources just now, and the best thing we could do to help would be to report violatiors. These reports can be kept confidential if you wish. The Trusteesfeel that some sort of follow-up is needed, but voted to take no further action until May or until we hear from the FFF.

A request for a donation of money to help save the Yellowstone was noted down by a slim margin.

The Club still needs chairmen for outings and club activities.

Speaking of outings, a graduate student at the Univ. of Washington is studying searun cutthroats wants to organize some fish-outs in the Forks, WA area to assist him with his research. Phil White is looking into it and will report back later.

Fly Pattern: Nygeris Nymph

hook: 10—3XL

body: Olive chenille, tied on at the tail and wrapped forward to just behind the eye hackle: Brown, tied at butt and wrapped forward (Palmer fashion) to just behind the

head - upper 2/3 cut off



# A Quote The End of the Season

Just one more! How many a year
Beside how many a pool or stream
Beneath the falling leaves and sere,
I've sighed, reeled up, and dreamed my dream!

The Last Cast - By Andrew Lang 1844 - 1912



### **Zoom Meeting on November 23**

### **Guest Zoom Speaker is Bob Clouser**

**Subject: Smallmouth Bass Top to Bottom** 

Yes, Bob Clouser, creator of the famed Clouser Minnow

### Future Zoom Meetings November 23

### THERE IS NO DECEMBER MEETING

We hope our next LIVE meeting will take place January 25, 2022



### Washington FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program





You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at Smile.Amazon.com

Reward programs are everywhere these days. From the grocery to airlines everybody is rewarding a purchase by giving you credit for future purchases or contributing to a cause. Now the Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International is one of the groups you can help when you purchase goods through Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of every purchase to the non-profit of your choice. It doesn't change the price you pay for goods. Amazon takes a sliver of its earnings from the transaction to donate to the non-profit you choose.

Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

To join follow these steps:

#### Visit smile.amazon.com

Sign in with the Amazon.com credentials you ordinarily use to shop at Amazon.

Search the list of charities and select Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA. Make sure it says Seattle!

Bookmark smile.amazon.com on your computer to make it easy to return to the charity site.

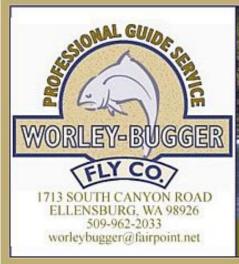
Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at smile.amazon.com and selecting:

Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA as your non-profit of choice. Thank you.

Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.

Larry





## Worley Bugger Fly Co.

Steve Worley has some great guides and he has put together the best fly shop filled with a massive amount of fly tying materials and equipment. You really need to stop by the shop and check it out. Just take the Canyon Road exit off I-90 and turn north towards town, the Worley Bugger Fly Co. shop is on the left or west side of the road. Open all year. Stop by and say Hi!



### **Clark Fork Trout**

St. Regis, MT

Steve & Peggy Temple have their fly shop just on the north end of St. Regis, right across the street from the road down to the boat launch.

Check it out!!!

For a really good guided drift boat fishing trip, you should contact Clark Fork Trout.

Closed for the winter



### VIRTUAL EXPO 2021

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has transformed its annual International Fly Fishing Expo into a virtual event for 2021, completely reimagining how fishing enthusiasts from around the world can enjoy the Expo from the comfort of their own home.

"Our goal is to have fun while learning and immersing ourselves in everything fly fishing,"

— Patty Lueken, Chair of FFI's Virtual Expo Planning Committee



The FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will take place November 5-7, and will be unlike any fly fishing show in the past.

FFI is pulling out all the stops to make the Virtual Expo the premier fly fishing event of the year. Teaming up with some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport, FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will feature workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel, and much more. Similar to fly fishing shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, and entertaining activities—something for everyone.

### Highlights will include:

- Fantastic classes and workshops from renowned "fishy" folks
- Compelling and important conservation workshops
- Fly tying demonstrations with some of the world's best
- An online auction culminating in a virtual live auction on Nov 6
- Great giveaways
- Specialty classes on cooking, nutrition, tricking out your camper, "how it's made," and other topics to interest fly fishers and non-fishers alike.

"Building off of the incredible success of the FFI Online series — during which we brought the essence of FFI out to the international fly fishing community — the Virtual Expo will bring the fly fishing show experience to you."

— Patrick Berry, FFI President, and CEO



### GRAB YOUR SPOT IN THE FFI VIRTUAL EXPO 2021!

Fly Fishers International has opened registration for the inaugural FFI Virtual Expo taking place from November 5-7, with some classes starting as early as Sept 6. Fly fishing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to learn from some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport during this one-of-a-kind event focused on education and fun.



November 5 - 7, 2021

**REGISTER NOW** 

### FFI VIRTUAL EXPO HIGHLIGHTS

- "Fly fishing enthusiasts won't want to miss this event!"
- Patty Lueken, chair of FFI's Virtual Expo Planning Committee

The Virtual Expo can be enjoyed right from home and will feature:

- Over 150 interactive, hands-on workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel, and much more with experts like April Volkey and conservation partner, Trout Unlimited.
- Offerings for every skill level and all things fly fishing.
- Break-out rooms, social gatherings, and entertaining activities.
- A fly fishing film competition open to anyone with a camera, a love of fly fishing, and a great story to tell.

"The Virtual Expo allows FFI to transform the legacy of our fly fishing education programs and build a more inter-connected fly fishing community," — Patrick Berry, FFI President and CEO

#### Future AFF Raffles

Leading up to the November 5-6-7 FFI Virtual Expo have been a few silent auctions. I have managed to win lots of really nice 'stuff' that will make its way onto our raffle tables and raffle boards.

Items such as: Dubbing bench; Umpqua Back Pack; Sage fly rod; two Orvis fly rods; Pro Fly Bench; Over 600 flies including trout, bass and steelhead; Mystic Inception fly rod outfit; and more!

And there are still more auctions for me to place bids not to mention the Live Auction over the weekend of the Expo.

All these and more I will be re-gifting to our club and some to the WSC fund raisers in the future!!

# November / December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."- Elizabeth Lawrence	1 November	2	3	4	5 FFI Virtual Expo	6 FFI Virtual Expo
7 FFI Virtual Expo	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23 Zoom Meeting	24	25	26	27
28 Happy Hanukkah	29	30	"When the trees their summer splendor change to raiment red and gold, When the summer moon turns mellow, and the nights are getting cold; When the squirrels hide their acorns, and the woodchucks disappear; Then we know that it is autumn, Loveliest season of the year." - Carol L. Riser, Autumn			
"I heard a bird sing in the dark of December, A magical thing and sweet to remember. 'We are nearer to Spring than we were in September, 'I heard a bird sing in the dark of December." - Oliver Herford, I Heard a Bird Sing			1 December	2	3	4
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	"The fishing season officially begins on

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